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Loans

Loans under the Land Improvement and the Agriculturists Loans Acts.

*112 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount of loans disbursed every year in the Bellary district under the Land Improvement and the Agriculturists Loans Acts respectively from the year 1921 ;

(b) the total amount of the instalments that were due for repayment and the amount out of them actually collected or postponed as the case may be in each of the said years, and

(c) the total number of cases together with their amount ordered to be summarily recovered in each of the above years ?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to statements 16 and 17 appended to the annual jamabandi reports which have been placed on Editors' Table.

(c) This information is not available from any existing return and would have to be specially compiled.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"With reference to the answer to clause (c) that the information is not available for all the years, can I have the information for the last two years ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"I will consider the suggestion, Sir."

Working of the Land Improvement Loans Act and the Agriculturists Loans Act.

*113 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the proposals under the consideration of the Government for improving the working of the Land Improvement Loans Act and the Agriculturists Loans Act ?

A.—The Government are investigating the question of the feasibility of reducing the rate of interest charged on advances made to cultivators under the Loans Acts. They have also under consideration the question of amending the rule relating to the levy of penalty on arrears.

Public Service Commission

Public Services Commission Bill.

*114 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a Public Services Commission Bill ;

(b) if so, on what lines ; and

(c) when ?

A.—The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India. The Government are therefore unable to make any statement on the subject at this stage.